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FCC'S LOCALISM TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES PANELISTS AND AGENDA FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON BROADCAST LOCALISM IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

The Localism Task Force of the Federal Communications Commission releases further details of its previously announced San Antonio field hearing regarding broadcast localism. (*See* Public Notice dated December 11, 2003, DA 03-3911.) Chairman Michael K. Powell will preside along with Commissioners Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Michael J. Copps, and Jonathan S. Adelstein. The hearing date, time, and location are as follows:

Date/Time: Wednesday, January 28, 2004
5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Location: City Council Chamber
Municipal Plaza Building
103 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas

The purpose of the hearing is to gather information from consumers, industry, civic organizations, and others on broadcasters' service to their local communities. An important focus of the hearing will be to gather information and to conduct outreach for the ongoing nationwide round of broadcast station license renewals. The designated speakers were selected to compose balanced and informative panels, and include representatives from consumer and advocacy groups, the creative community, and broadcasters. The hearing format will enable members of the public to participate via "open microphone" and submission of written questions.

The tentative agenda follows:

Opening Remarks

Panel One

Speaker Presentations; Commissioner and Audience Questions

Open Microphone

Break

Panel Two

Speaker Presentations; Commissioner and Audience Questions

Open Microphone

Closing Remarks

Confirmed panelists include:

Ray Benson, Co-Founder/Guitarist/Vocalist of the band “Asleep at the Wheel”; Board Member, The Recording Academy, Texas Chapter

Lydia Camarillo, Vice President, Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, San Antonio

John Freeman, Chief Operations Officer, Southern Development Foundation, licensee of Low-Power FM Station KOCZ-LP, Opelousas, Louisiana

Steve Giust, General Manager, KWEX-TV (Univision), San Antonio

Tom Glade, Vice President/Market Manager, Clear Channel Radio, San Antonio

Jerry Hanszen, Owner and General Manager, KMHT AM-FM, Marshall, Texas, and KGAS AM-FM, Carthage, Texas

Joe Linson, Vice President, NAACP, San Antonio Branch

Robert G. McGann, President and General Manager, KENS-TV (CBS) (Belo Corp.), San Antonio

Oscar Moran, Senior Advisor to the Executive Board and Former President, League of United Latin American Citizens, San Antonio

Ray Rossman, Director, Parents Television Council, San Antonio Chapter

A detailed agenda along with the final roster of panelists will be released prior to the hearing.

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests should include a description of the accommodation needed, providing as much detail as possible, and contact information should additional information be needed. Please make requests as early as possible. All requests will be accepted and every effort will be made to fulfill them, although timing considerations may make that impossible in some cases. Send requests via e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov, or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau:

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A live audiocast of the hearing will be available at the FCC’s website at www.fcc.gov on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition, the hearing will be recorded, and the recording will be made available to the public. The public may also file comments or other documents with the Commission and should reference RM-10803. Filing instructions are provided at http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-239578A1.doc.

For additional information about the hearing or the Localism Task Force, please visit the Task Force’s website at <http://www.fcc.gov/localism>, or contact the Task Force directly at 202-418-7777, or at localism@fcc.gov. Press inquiries should be directed to Michelle Russo, at 202-418-2358, or Meribeth McCarrick, at 202-418-0654.